



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY
NEW PORT RICHEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5919 MAIN STREET, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA
December 15, 2020
7:00 PM

ORDER OF
BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rob Marlowe at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Deputy Mayor Chopper Davis, Councilman Peter Altman, Councilman Matt Murphy and Councilman Mike Peters.

Also in attendance were City Manager Debbie L. Manns, City Attorney Timothy Driscoll, City Clerk Judy Meyers, Assistant City Manager Rodd Hale, Police Chief Kim Bogart, Finance Director Crystal Feast, Fire Chief Chris Fitch, Economic Development Director Charles Rudd, Public Works Director Robert Rivera, Library Director Andi Figart, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Adams, Technology Solutions Director Bryan Weed and Human Resources Manager Bernie Wharran.

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 Approval of December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

5 Vox Pop for Items Not Listed on the Agenda or Listed on Consent Agenda

Mayor Marlowe opened the floor for public comment. John Kane, 6041 Florida Avenue, NPR, came forward to speak about the yard debris pickup. He stated the yard debris is utilized for gardening. He suggested working through the issues rather than disposing of the program. Deputy Mayor Davis stated there are landscapers who take advantage of this in the city. Amy Finott-Marin, 6216 River Road, NPR, came forward and read a statement regarding the Sip Golf Cart Parade. Chenika Whiting, 5755 Indiana Avenue, NPR came forward to speak about District Chief Robert Gupton. Marlowe Jones, Pine Hill Rd., Port Richey came forward to speak about current events during the year in New Port Richey. He also suggested more social programs. With no one else coming forward for public comment, Mayor Marlowe closed Vox Pop.

6 Consent Agenda

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

a Purchases/Payments for City Council Approval

7 Public Reading of Ordinances

a First Reading, Ordinance No. 2021-2218: Special Exception for Central Madison Townhomes Project

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a first reading of an ordinance to approve a special exception for the Central Madison Townhomes Project. On November 17, 2020, the City Council approved an ordinance to allow for attached single family townhome projects as a special exception within the R-3 zoning district. She then introduced Brad Cornelius who then made a presentation to Council. Mr. Cornelius stated the City received an application from Central Madison, LLC, represented by Andy Mikulski, for consideration of approval of a special exception for a four unit attached single-family townhome project at 6414 Madison Street. The property size is 15k sq. ft. but only 10k will be used for the project. The Applicant proposes to construct a four unit attached single-family townhome project on the subject property. The project will consist of two sets of two attached single-family townhomes. There will be a 10 foot separation between the two sets of two-story townhomes. Each townhome will have a gross floor area of 2,285 square feet with a living area of 1,835 square feet. The project complies with all of the provisions of the recently adopted ordinance, the special exception portion of the city code and the City's Comprehensive Plan. Deputy Mayor Davis asked if they are for sale or rent and Mr. Mikulski stated the homes will be for sale. Deputy Mayor Davis asked if two more would be built and Mr. Mikulski stated he wanted to see how these four will do first. Councilman Murphy asked about sale price and Mr. Mikulski stated rough plans are around \$300k. Staff received one objection from Lorelle Smith which City Clerk Meyers read into the record and is attached to the end of these minutes.

Upon opening the floor to public comment, John Kane, 6041 Florida Avenue, NPR, came forward to speak about the setbacks. He is not in favor of a five foot setback. Other homes are at twenty-five feet. The garages will add to the alley traffic. He was also concerned about the neighbor who would have to back out of his driveway along a twenty foot wall. He is opposed to this project. Victoria Barley, 5518 Palmetto Rd., NPR, came forward to speak in support of the project. She currently has buyers who are interested in this project. She stated in 2020 there have been 60 homes sold and four are currently pending. She gets calls about available properties all the time. The maximum time properties are on the market are 30 days. Frank Starkey, 5939 Grand Blvd., NPR, came forward and stated that townhomes as a building type have not been part of the stock in New Port Richey. It is a building type that the market naturally wants to build. He stated the master suite will be located on the ground floor. Townhouses are a common thing near main streets. Mr. Starkey addressed the concerns by Mr. Kane regarding the setbacks. He stated this will be a wonderful project. Mr. Mikulski came forward to clarify the setbacks. The actual building will not be five feet off of the street. With no one else coming forward Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council.

Councilman Peters asked about the size of the porch and Mr. Mikulski stated it is a covered stoop. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its first reading.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

b Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2020-2215: Moratorium on Multi-Family Residential Buildings

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the

item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an ordinance which imposes a 180-day moratorium on permits for multi-family housing developments. The moratorium does not include projects in process. The moratorium will allow staff an opportunity to study and make recommendations regarding design and construction standards relating to multi-family residential housing in the city. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

Motion made by Matt Murphy and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

- c Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2020-2193: Outdoor Display Ordinance (C1, C2 and Highway Commercial)

City Attorney Driscoll read the proposed ordinance by title only. City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to conduct a second and final reading of an ordinance City that establishes regulations relating to outdoor display in the C-1 Light General Commercial, C-2 General Commercial and HC Highway Commercial zoning districts of the city. It is additionally to mitigate any impacts that displays may have on adjacent properties. There are 21 individual standards being proposed. There was a temporary display section added. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the ordinance upon its second and final reading.

Motion made by Chopper Davis and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

8 Business Items

- a Cottages at Oyster Bayou Final Plat Approval

This item was tabled until the January 5, 2021 City Council meeting.

- b Public Hearing, Special Waste Hauling Applications for the 2021 Calendar Year – Consideration for Approval

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to consider for approval the attached waste hauler permit applications for the 2021 calendar year submitted by County Recycling, Inc. dba County Sanitation, Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. dba J.D. Parker & Sons, Waste Connections Inc., Waste Management Inc., of Florida, Republic Services of Florida Inc., dba Seaside Sanitation, and Peterson's Service Corporation. Mr. Rivera stated that City Code requires City Council to consider for approval, submitted applications from waste haulers for City waste hauling services to its residents for the subsequent calendar year. Three complaints were received this year by staff about two existing haulers violating the permitted operational time frame and permitted operating days. All existing vendors are currently collecting the 10% franchise fee mandated by the City to operate a waste hauling business within the city limits. Not all of the companies are sending in their quarterly list of customers as required. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Deputy Mayor Davis asked to review increasing the fee to 15%. Councilman Peters stated that there should be some efficiency to creating districts. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

- c Request to Purchase Vacuum Excavator for Water Distribution Division

City Manager Manns introduced Public Works Director Robert Rivera who then presented the item to Council. He stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve the attached proposal from Vermeer Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$113,142 for the purchase of a 2020 Vacuum Excavator. The Vacuum Excavator is used by staff to excavate or "soft dig" around underground

utilities for repairs or maintenance where digging by conventional methods is either impractical or unsafe. The new Vacuum Excavator would replace the Utility's existing unit which was purchased in 2002 and is 19 years old. The old unit will be sent to auction. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Pete Altman and seconded by Matt Murphy. The Motion Passed. 5-0. Ayes: Altman, Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters

d Recreation & Aquatic Center Annual Membership Drive

City Manager Manns introduced the item to Council. She stated that the purpose of this agenda item was to approve a discount of twenty percent off of annual memberships to the Recreation and Aquatic Center for its Annual Membership Drive. The Membership Drive would take place from December 20, 2020 until January 19, 2021 to encourage new membership purchases and for membership renewals. Upon opening the floor to public comment, no one came forward therefore Mayor Marlowe returned the floor to Council. Motion was made to approve the item as presented.

Motion made by Mike Peters and seconded by Chopper Davis. The Motion Passed. 4-1. Ayes: Davis, Marlowe, Murphy, Peters Nays: Altman

9 Communications

Mayor Marlowe stated the Board of Directors of Tampa Bay Water released the General Manager on Monday. He stated the golf cart was amazing. There were some Jeeps that also participated. The trees in the park are also marvelous. He stated at the last meeting there was approval of the variances for 7/11 and he would like to point out half of the vehicles in the ancillary lot are electric. Deputy Mayor Davis stated there were 187 golf carts in the parade. He thanked Regan Weiss and Joey Deeb for the trees in the park. He was glad to see all the vendors who sponsored trees. He stated the County removed the Blue Law and he was wondering if the City will look at changing our ordinance to coincide. Councilman Peters stated thanked the other members of Council for their confidence and making him feel welcome. He also thanked staff for meeting with him. He stated there are many employment opportunities open with the City. Councilman Peters stated many residents take pride in their landscaping and wants to make sure the yard debris pickup is a service that all city residents can benefit from. He stated the City has eight boards/committees that people can serve on. He has had the opportunity to sit in on some of the meetings. He would like to encourage residents to get involved. He suggested looking at a vetting process for member positions. Councilman Altman stated he agrees with Councilman Peters' comments about the yard debris he would like to see various options presented. He suggested a possible billing and collection program or a location were large debris could be dropped off in the city. He wants to see it continue to be recycled and made available back to the residents. He stated when he was a County Commissioner they were allocated a certain number of people to appoint to boards. He stated Council should get involved in the recruitment process. Councilman Murphy stated that he likes the yard debris program. The biggest hurdles are the illegal dumping and the time it stays on the ground. He stated he attended his first MPO meeting last week. He was appointed to the Tampa Bay Leadership Board which will not meet until March. He stated the golf cart parade was awesome and everyone enjoyed it. He wished everyone a great holiday season. Mayor Marlowe wished everyone a happy holiday and New Year. City Manager Manns introduced the new Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Adams.

10 Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon proper motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

(signed) _____
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____ (date)

Initialed: _____

As required by Section 5.02.04, of the City's Land Development Code, if you object to the proposed special exception, then you must file a written affidavit of objection to the City Clerk no later than 24 hours prior to the City Council hearing. The affidavit of objection must be provided in the following form:

State of Florida

County of Pasco

On this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, Loelle Smith who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she has an ownership interest in that certain real property known as 6043 Man St, New Port Richey, Florida, which is within a radius of five hundred (500) feet of any of the corners of the real property known as 6414 Madison Street, New Port Richey, Florida, which is proposed for a special exception for the following reasons: (State reasons of objection below.)

I am against having 2 story town houses. The amount 4 units in a small space. My main concerns are 1) the units will become low income rentals over time they will not be maintained. 2) congestion in the area esp with easy-way for fire dept on madison. 3) drainage issues.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Loelle Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of Dec., 2020.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: December 18, 2020



I would prefer to see either single family homes as the rest of the area or cute shops instead of more apts I think these apartments would detract from the "small town" feel that we love in New Port Richey.

I am unable to attend this meeting because I am following COVID 19 restrictions and can not attend gatherings.